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# BASIN BULLETIN

**A Quarterly Review of Cleanup in the Coeur d'Alene River Basin**

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## **Cleanup Work 2003 Highlights**

The Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission approved its one-year work plan last January 2003, for remedial activities this construction season. As part of the work plan, the Commission approved the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) to take the lead on remediating residential properties. The Basin residential remediation program will be conducted in compliance with the requirements of EPA's 2002 Record of Decision. The Basin remediation program does not include properties in the Bunker Hill Box, which includes communities from Pinehurst to Elizabeth Park.

The Basin residential area remediation program will include cleanup of high-risk yards, which are properties where the most at-risk population, young children (0-6 years) and expectant mothers, reside. Licensed day care facilities are included in this category. If the soil on your property exceeds action levels (700 ppm and 1000 ppm for lead or 100 ppm for arsenic) and you meet the criteria of having a young child or expectant mother in residence, your yard will be eligible for remediation as a priority this year.

Additional yards will be remediated this year as part of an area-by-area approach. This will expedite the cleanup process because it is more efficient to remediate all contaminated properties in one area before moving on to another location. Under this program, all properties that have soil exceeding the action levels will be eligible for remediation, including yards, commercial properties, schools, and churches. IDEQ is planning to continue work in Osburn under this program this year. If you have questions about the Basin residential sampling and remediation program, please call the Kellogg Superfund Project office at 208-783-5781.

***For more information and questions about the Basin residential sampling and remediation program, please call the Kellogg Superfund Project Office at 208-783-5781.***

The Panhandle Health District (PHD) will continue its free blood lead screening program for communities in the Basin this year. Parents may bring their children to designated locations that will be announced this summer. The PHD provides a \$20 incentive payment for each child who participates in the screening program. More information will be provided as the date of the blood lead screening approaches.

## **Basin Community Plays Part In Lake Coeur d'Alene Decision Process**

The 2002 Record of Decision did not include a decision for Lake Coeur d'Alene and there are no plans for active cleanup in the Lake. Many community members would like Lake Coeur d'Alene to be officially "deleted" from the National Priorities List (Superfund) once a Lake Management Plan is in place. For this to happen, a multi-step process takes place.

After the Lake Management Plan is finalized by the State of Idaho and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, EPA will consider issuing a "No Further CERCLA Action" proposal for Lake Coeur d'Alene. This follows consultation with the States of Idaho and Washington, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, the Spokane Indian Nation, and the Federal Natural Resources Trustees. Additionally, the presence of bulltrout in the lake requires Endangered Species Act consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. There will then be an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed plan for the lake.

Once a "No Further CERCLA Action" decision is made, EPA again goes through a public process for the Lake to be "deleted" from the CERCLA listing. EPA will publish a notice in the Federal Register noting that the agency intends to delete and seeking public comment. A second round of consultation occurs, and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and State of Idaho's concurrence is sought. An ongoing effectiveness-monitoring program is established at this time.

## **Citizens Coordinating Council (CCC) Forms Small Integration Group (SIG)**

The Citizens Coordinating Council (CCC) has designated members for its Small Integration Group (SIG). The group will help raise awareness and disseminate information about Basin issues and Basin Commission activities. This group will also assist the CCC chair in collecting and relaying citizen perspectives to the Basin Commission Board. Individual citizens are welcome to present their views directly to the CCC and/or the Basin Commission Board at any time, as well.

Each of the eight geographic regions within the Basin is invited to select one citizen to serve on the SIG. Small Integration Group members are expected to attend all CCC meetings and are strongly encouraged to attend all Basin Commission Board meetings. The following individuals have been named as Small Integration Group members:

1. **Upper Basin**  
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2. **"The Box"** (vacant)
3. **Lower Basin/Chain Lakes**  
(Including Harrison and the Exterior Reservation)  
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4. **Coeur d'Alene Lake/Spokane River Property Owners**  
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6. **Post Falls/Coeur d'Alene**  
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7. **Washington State**  
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8. **Current Reservation Lands** (vacant)

## Contracting Opportunities

The Corps of Engineers has a web site that allows contractors to obtain information on future contract opportunities, current solicitations for proposals or bids and contracts already awarded. Contractors interested in contracting opportunities should become familiar and monitor the website at:

<http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/ct/ebs/AdvertisedSolicitations.asp>

Contractors may also contact the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) Kellogg office for more information at 208-783-5781.

## EPA Awards Technical Assistance Grant (TAG)

EPA is happy to announce that the Basin Cleanup Coalition (BCC) recently received the Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) for the Coeur d'Alene Basin. The group will receive \$50,000 to hire an independent technical advisor to help the Basin communities better understand and provide input on cleanup work specified in the 2002 Record of Decision.

BCC's TAG is intended to be a resource for the full range of community groups and interests in the Basin. The group, headed by Jonathan Coe (208-664-3194), is in its early stages of formation. Community members are encouraged to contact Jonathan if they would like to participate in the TAG process. BCC's TAG work will be coordinated closely with the work of the Basin Commission, the Technical Leadership Group and the Citizens Coordinating Council.

## Comings and Goings

**Marianne Deppman**, EPA's Seattle-based Community Involvement Coordinator, is taking a temporary leave from Basin work. Marianne is now helping Region 10 in its role as host of the eighth annual national Brownfields Conference, held this year in Portland (October 27 – 29). In her new role, Marianne encourages anyone with an interest in redevelopment and reuse of contaminated properties and community revitalization to register for this great and FREE conference.

The Brownfields Conference is a unique opportunity for people in the Northwest to learn about Brownfields, to network, to market their services and to tell their success stories. Last year, the conference attracted more than 3,000 people. For more information, go to **[www.brownfields 2003.org](http://www.brownfields2003.org)** after May 7. Marianne looks forward to hearing from you about the conference and returning to working with people in the Basin after the first of next year.

Please welcome **Renee Dagseth**, who will be taking over as the EPA Region 10 Community Involvement Coordinator for the Basin for the remainder of this year. Renee brings with her a wealth of experience from within EPA's waste and water programs, as well as work with outside non-profit and internationally-focused organizations. Renee is looking forward to getting to know people in the Basin communities, working to ensure their input is considered as cleanup work moves ahead. Renee can be reached at 206-553-1889.

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North Idaho College Library  
1000 Garden Avenue  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814  
208-769-3355

Wallace Public Library  
415 River Street  
Wallace, ID 83873  
208-752-4571

Harrison City Hall  
100 Frederick Street  
P.O. Box 73  
Harrison, ID 83833  
208-689-3212

Spokane Public Library  
906 West Main Avenue  
Spokane, WA 99201  
509-444-5336

EPA Field Office  
1910 Northwest Boulevard,  
Suite 208  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814  
208-664-4588

EPA Seattle Office  
Superfund Record Center  
1200 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98101  
206-553-4494

## Websites

### EPA Coeur d'Alene Basin

[http://  
Yosemite.epa.gov/R10/  
CLEANUP.NSF/sites/cda](http://Yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/sites/cda)

### Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission (BEIPC)

[http://  
www.basincommission.com](http://www.basincommission.com)

### Technical Leadership Group (TLG)

[www.basincommission.com/  
TLG.asp](http://www.basincommission.com/TLG.asp)

### Citizens Coordinating Council (CCC)

[http://  
www.basincommission.com/  
CCC.asp](http://www.basincommission.com/CCC.asp)

# FAQ'S

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q . Why did the Basin Commission approve an annual plan for residential cleanup in the Basin at this time?**

**A .** EPA recognizes that some area citizens question the need for residential cleanup and there is an upcoming review of this decision by the National Academy of Science. However, the Basin Commission was established by Idaho law to carry out the cleanup actions in the 2002 Record of Decision (ROD). This ROD established a clear priority for cleanup of community areas. The Basin Commission approved a one-year work plan, which includes beginning the community cleanup, as well as other actions funded through Superfund and the Clean Water Act.

A review by the National Academy of Science will begin this summer and is expected to take up to two years. The ROD is a 30-year cleanup plan. If needed, EPA can make changes to the ROD after the National Academy of Science review is complete. In the meantime, the Idaho DEQ and EPA will begin yard sampling and cleanup.

Sampling and yard remediation will be done on a voluntary basis and property owners will be contacted for permission.

### Basin Commission Online Forum Now Available

The Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission's (BEIPC) Online Forum is up and running and ready for your input. Go to:

[www.basincommission.com](http://www.basincommission.com)

and click on "Forum" in the left column to access News & Announcements and public postings. After a simple registration process, you may participate in the Discussion Board area.

The public is welcome and encouraged to contribute comment and commentary to the Discussion Board, within standard guidelines.

## Calendar of Events

### Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission (BEIPC)

Contact: Luke Russell, 208-783-5781

#### Basin Commission Board

**May 28, 2003 – 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Wallace Inn – 100 Front Street, Wallace, ID

#### Project Focus Team (PFT) Meetings:

##### Bank Stabilization

**May 6, 2003 – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

USDA Forest Service Supervisor's Office  
3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene

##### Technology

**May 6, 2003 – 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

USDA Forest Service Supervisor's Office  
3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene

#### Citizens Coordinating Council (CCC)

**May 14, 2003 – 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Kootenai County Administration Building  
451 Government Way, Coeur d'Alene

Please see the Basin Commission's website at:

[www.basincommission.com](http://www.basincommission.com)

### Other Citizen Group Meetings

#### Shoshone Natural Resources Coalition (SNRC)

**May 13 & 27; June 10 & 24; July 8 & 22, 2003**

Contact: Connie Fudge, 208-753-6022

Group meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Brooks Hotel – 500 Cedar Street, Wallace, ID

#### Silver Valley People's Action Coalition (SVPAC)

Contact: Barbara Miller, 208-784-8891  
PO Box 362, Kellogg, ID 83837

#### Washington Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)

Contact: Beth Hodgson, 509-534-6417

#### Board of Directors Meeting

**May 12; June 9; July 14, 2003**

Board meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. at Spokane County Water Works Bldg. – 914 E. North Foothills Drive, Spokane

#### General Membership Meeting

**May 21; June 18; July 16, 2003**

Membership meetings are held from 7 to 9 p.m. – Place To Be Announced

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